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PORTO RICO.

Report from Ponce—Transactions of Service, month of March, 1908.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ferrer-Torres reports, April 3:

Summary of transaction of service during the month of March, 1908.

Vessels inspected.....	17
Vessels in quarantine.....	7
Passengers inspected:	
Incoming.....	88
In transit.....	681
Passengers in quarantine.....	39
Immigrants inspected.....	24
Members of crews inspected.....	901
Bills of health issued.....	29

SIERRA LEONE.

Report from Sierra Leone—Statement of plague on the Gold Coast.

Consul Yerby reports, March 14:

The following statement was received from the colonial secretary in reply to my inquiry of March 10 for information in regard to plague on the Gold Coast:

The total number of deaths at Akkra from the date of the outbreak of the disease, viz, January 11 to March 3 was 114. The number of natives in the contagious-disease hospital was 3, and in the isolation camps 11. At Brewa there have been 19 deaths from the disease, but no fresh cases since February 17. At Nianzano 5 cases of plague were under treatment, but there have been no deaths since February 24. At Tema there have been 9 deaths, but no fresh cases since February 23.

VENEZUELA.

Report from Caracas—Suspicious contagious disease at La Guaira officially announced—Quarantine measures.

The following information is received from the American minister, through the Department of State, under date of April 18:

The Venezuelan Government to-day officially announced the existence at La Guaira of a suspicious contagious disease, the nature of which is not determined. La Guaira quarantined for fifteen days. Traffic is suspended on the railways. No steamships will touch at the port.

FOREIGN AND INSULAR STATISTICAL REPORTS OF COUNTRIES AND
CITIES—UNTABULATED.

AFRICA—*Lourenço Marquez*.—Month of February, 1908. Estimated population, 10,000. Total number of deaths, 34, including 6 from tuberculosis.

Orange River Colony, Bloemfontein.—Month of February, 1908. Estimated population, 12,000. Total number of deaths, 6, including enteric fever 1 and 1 from whooping cough.

AUSTRALIA—*Queensland—Brisbane*.—Month of February, 1908. Estimated population, 132,468. Total number of deaths, 99, including enteric fever 2 and 8 from tuberculosis.

AZORES—*St. Michaels and St. Marie*.—Month of February, 1908. Estimated population, 127,566. Total number of deaths, 190, including 5 from tuberculosis.

BRAZIL—*Sao Paulo, Santos, and Campinas*.—Week ended March 8, 1908. Estimated population, 300,000. Total number of deaths, 149, including 12 from tuberculosis.

CANADA—*British Columbia—Vancouver*.—Month of March, 1908. Estimated population, 60,100. Total number of deaths, 61, including measles 1, and 10 from tuberculosis.

CHINA—*Manchuria, Dalny*.—Year ended December 31, 1907. Estimated population, 31,209. Total number of deaths 532, including diphtheria 2, enteric fever 13, smallpox 3, cholera 18, and 27 from tuberculosis.

CUBA.—Month of March, 1908. Reports from the 6 provinces, having an aggregate population of 1,572,797, show as follows: Deaths from contagious diseases: Diphtheria 8, enteric fever 11, measles 1, scarlet fever 1, and 187 from tuberculosis.

FRANCE—*Calais*.—Month of March, 1908. Estimated population, 70,000. Total number of deaths, 139.

Cherbourg.—Month of March, 1908. Estimated population, 43,948. Total number of deaths, 84, including scarlet fever 1, enteric fever 1, diphtheria 1, and 16 from tuberculosis.

GIBRALTAR.—Three weeks ended April 5, 1908. Estimated population, 27,385. Total number of deaths, 23, including whooping cough 1, and 4 from tuberculosis.

GREAT BRITAIN—*England and Wales*.—The deaths registered in 76 great towns in England and Wales during the week ended March 28, 1908, correspond to an annual rate of 17.4 per 1,000 population, which is estimated at 16,234,952.

London.—One thousand five hundred and eighty-one deaths were registered during the week, including measles 49, scarlet fever 15, diphtheria 15, enteric fever 2, whooping cough 51, tuberculosis 205, and 20 from diarrhea. The deaths from all causes correspond to an annual rate of 17.2 per 1,000. In Greater London 2,190 deaths were registered. In the "outer ring" the deaths included 2 from measles, 3 from scarlet fever, 2 from diphtheria, and 4 from whooping cough.

Portsmouth.—Four weeks ended March 14, 1908. Estimated population, 208,291. Total number of deaths, 269, including diphtheria 6, measles 4, scarlet fever 1, and whooping cough 4.

Salford.—Two weeks ended March 28, 1908. Estimated population, 236,670. Total number of deaths, 181, including diphtheria 7, measles 21, scarlet fever 4, whooping cough 10, and 18 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Ireland.—The average annual death rate represented by the deaths registered during the week ended March 28, 1908, in the 21 principal town districts of Ireland was 26 per 1,000 of the population, which is estimated at 1,131,959. The lowest rate was recorded in Dundalk, viz, 8 and the highest in Lisburn, viz, 50 per 1,000.

Scotland.—The deaths registered in 8 principal towns during the week ended March 28, 1908, correspond to an annual rate of 19.4 per 1,000 of the population, which is estimated at 1,839,038. The highest rate of mortality was recorded in Dundee, viz, 26.9, and the lowest in Aberdeen, viz, 12.6 per 1,000. The aggregate number of deaths registered from all causes was 683, including diphtheria 3, measles 58, scarlet fever 2, smallpox 1, enteric fever 1, and 22 from whooping cough.

GREECE—Patras.—Two weeks ended March 31, 1908. Estimated population, 42,500. Total number of deaths, 16, including 9 from tuberculosis.

JAMAICA—Kingston.—Month of March, 1908. Estimated population, 52,065. Total number of deaths, 173, including enteric fever 14, and 12 from phthisis pulmonalis.

MALTA.—Four weeks ended March 21, 1908. Estimated population, 206,690. Total number of deaths, 360, including smallpox 1, measles 20, and 12 from tuberculosis.

MEXICO—Tampico.—Two weeks ended March 31, 1908. Estimated population, 20,000. Total number of deaths, 40, including 7 from tuberculosis.

OCEANIA—Society Islands—Tahiti.—Five weeks ended March 21, 1908. Estimated population, 4,000. Total number of deaths, 5, including 2 from enteric fever and 3 from tuberculosis.

SPAIN—Almeria.—Month of February, 1908. Estimated population, 46,806. Total number of deaths, 126, including smallpox 6, enteric fever 7, diphtheria 1, and 12 from tuberculosis.

SWITZERLAND.—Week ended March 21, 1908. Reports from 18 cities, having an aggregate population of 868,928, show as follows: Total number of deaths, 291, including diphtheria 3, measles 1, scarlet fever 1, whooping cough 1, enteric fever 1, and 50 from tuberculosis.

TASMANIA—Hobart Town.—Month of December, 1907. Estimated population, 177,213. Total number of deaths, 169, including enteric fever 1, whooping cough 3, and 14 from tuberculosis.

Month of January, 1908. Total number of deaths, 196, including diphtheria 1, enteric fever 3, measles 1, whooping cough 2, and 15 from tuberculosis.

TURKEY—Smyrna.—Month ended January 28, 1908. Estimated population, 400,000. Total number of deaths, 397, including diphtheria 2, enteric fever 6, smallpox 10, measles 8, scarlet fever 1, and 57 from tuberculosis.

Month ended February 25, 1908. Total number of deaths, 477, including diphtheria 1, enteric fever 4, measles 17, plague 1, smallpox 6, and 42 from tuberculosis.

URUGUAY—*Montevideo*.—Month of January, 1908. Estimated population, 309,511. Total number of deaths, 398, including enteric fever 9, whooping cough 1, and 62 from tuberculosis.

WEST INDIES—*Curaçao*.—Two weeks ended April 3, 1908. Estimated population, 31,600. Total number of deaths, 15. No deaths from contagious diseases reported.

Cholera, yellow fever, plague, and smallpox reported from December 28, 1907, to April 24, 1908.

[Reports received by the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service, from American consuls, through the Department of State and from other sources.]

[For reports received from June 28, 1907, to December 27, 1907, see PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS for December 27, 1907.]

[NOTE.—In accordance with custom, the tables of epidemic diseases are terminated semiannually and new tables begun.]

CHOLERA.

Place.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Arabia:				
Hedjaz, general	Dec. 13-Feb. 13 ...	6,362	5,682	On Hedjaz R. R. Jan. 1-Mar. 8, 169 cases and 89 deaths.
Abou Ali	Dec. 31-Jan. 19 ...	69	49	
Abou-Saad (Djeddah)	Dec. 21-29	128	53	
Djeddah	Dec. 10-Feb. 8	410	369	26 cases and 19 deaths from ss. Nivernais from Dec. 27-Jan. 5. 8 cases to Nov. 23.
Kamaran	Dec. 2-7	3	2	
Medina	Dec. 18-Jan. 18	330	220	
Mekka	Dec. 21-Feb. 8	5,086	4,706	
Tor	Jan. 24-30	3	.....	From ss. Assuan.
Yembo	Dec. 20-Mar. 4	309	212	
Ceylon:				
Colombo	Nov. 24-30 .....	.....	1	
China:				
Hongkong	Oct. 27-Nov. 2	3	7	Imported from Singapore.
India:				
Bombay	Dec. 4-Mar. 10 .....	.....	11	
Calcutta	Nov. 17-Mar. 14 .....	.....	1,445	
Cochin	Oct. 26-Jan. 31 .....	.....	98	
Madras	Dec. 1-Mar. 20 .....	.....	96	
Negapatam	Nov. 16-Mar. 6 .....	.....	86	
Rangoon	Nov. 11-Mar. 14 .....	.....	108	
Tuticorin	Nov. 30-Jan. 24 .....	.....	399	
Japan:				
De Vries (Oshima) Island	Dec. 3	5	.....
Ibaraki	Nov. 27	1	.....
Kanagawa	Dec. 1-2	4	.....
Kobe	Nov. 17-Dec. 7	14	5	
Moji	Oct. 20	1	1	From ss. Tamba Maru.
Nagasaki	Nov. 18-Feb. 23	4	1	Report received out of date gives to Nov. 30, 248 cases and 148 deaths additional.
Osaka	Dec. 8-21	7	6	
Shinagawa	Nov. 27 .....	.....	.....	Present on 2 Japanese torpedo-boat destroyers.
Tokushima	Nov. 27	27	22	
Tokyo	Nov. 28-Dec. 3	200	62	
Yokohama	Oct. 27-Dec. 16	9	8	
Korea:				
Seoul	Jan. 1-Dec. 12	35	.....	In Japanese colony. Mainly in September and October.
Philippine Islands:				
Cebu Quarantine Station	Jan. 2-11	4	1	From ss. Romulus.
Manila	Nov. 10-Feb. 22	246	196	Second quarter, calendar year 1907, no cases and no deaths; third quarter, 80 cases, 71 deaths.
Mariquina	Jan. 4-18	48	45	